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Memorandum for: The Director

Subject: Telegram to PSB from Sen. Ferguson.

1. Attached herewith is a copy of a telegram which the Psychological Strategy Board has just received from Senator Ferguson. It may be brought up at tomorrow's PSB luncheon.

2. In view of the nature of this telegram and the fact that Senator Ferguson is in Detroit and is not expected back in Washington until after the election, it might be best to inform the Senator that much of the material necessary to answer his questions is highly classified and a detailed reply should await an opportunity to discuss the matter personally with the Senator when he returns to Washington.

3. However, in view of the fact that the orientation of this telegram appears to be political, in order to stave off attack on PSB, the Board may wish to consider a general reply to questions 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 10.

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Walter L. Pforzheimer
Legislative Counsel

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Attachment

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COPY - TELEGRAM

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Dr. Raymond Allan, Dean
708 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

As former Director of the Psychological Strategy Board at the time of your appointment.

1. Was it understood that you were to be only temporarily employed as Director or did you accept with the understanding of an unlimited tenure? *Temporary*

2. Do you believe that a Director of the Psychological Strategy Board can do a proper job on a temporary assignment? *No. I understood during '50 to keep this new start & operating pending the selection of a qualified permanent head*

when I accepted the appointment on a limited tenure that I was to be charged with implementation? *Classified*

(A) While you were the Director.

(B) During the Board's existence.

4. Can an effective program of psychological warfare be conducted within the present framework of government? *Yes*

5. Do you have any recommendations for changes in the program or setup beneficial to the national security? *Yes, I have submitted them to the board. They are of a classified nature*

6. Has the Psychological Strategy Board given attention to the various projects brought to its attention by private citizens? *Yes, and careful consideration to those which deserved it.*

7. What percentage of projects brought to the attention of the Board by private citizens has had merit? *Classified*

8. What percentage of projects by private citizens has had implementation by the CIA--what percentage by the State Department--what percentage by the Pentagon? *Classified*

9. What percentage of projects recommended by the Board has been adopted by (a) the State Department, (b) the CIA and (c) the Pentagon? *Classified*

10. Has the whole problem of psychological strategy in your opinion been given the proper attention by the authorities in government in Washington? *Yes, and it is being given constant and increasing attention*

An early reply will be appreciated. It is not my intention to ask you for any answer that will effect the general welfare and security of the United States.

/s/ Homer Ferguson, US Senator for Michigan
918 Federal Building
Detroit 16, Michigan

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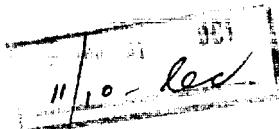
We did receive a copy of Dr. Allen's reply to Senator Ferguson. No one seems to know what happened to it. If located, file with attached.



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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENE. SMITH

There are two additional copies of the attached memorandum, in the event you wish to discuss it at the PSB Luncheon.



24 September 1952
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